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DRY EDIBLE BEAN PRODUCTION DECREASED

SIoux FALLS, December 11, 2003 -- The 2003 South Dakota dry edible bean production decreased 49 percent from last year, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Production for 2003 was estimated at 133,000 hundredweight (cwt.), while the 2002 production was 261,000 hundredweight. Harvested acres, at 7,500, were down 53 percent from 16,000 last year. Planted acres, at 8,000, were down 13,000 acres from 2002.

The Pinto class of dry beans was the most dominant for 2003 with planted acres totaling 1,900 acres, down 1,300 acres from last year. Garbanzo acres, at 1,800, were down 8,500; navy bean acreage totaled 1,600 acres, down 2,400; all other varieties totaled 2,700 acres, down 800 from last year. The garbanzo class is broken out for the first time this year into two categories, small and large. There were 1,000 acres of small garbanzos, where the bean could pass through a 20/64 inch hole screen. There were 800 acres of large garbanzos, where the beans were larger than a 20/64 inch hole screen.

The overall 2003 yield of 1,770 pounds per acre was up 140 pounds from last year. The increase in overall state yield was due to a shift in the acreage of varieties and their corresponding yields. Production by class and change from a year ago are as follows: Pinto - 38,000 cwt., down 48 percent; Navy - 24,000 cwt., down 75 percent; Garbanzo - 17,000 cwt., down 32 percent; all other classes - 54,000 cwt., down 19 percent.

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